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Dear Dr. Gabe:

Your interesting paper "Capillary Method for the Direct Count of Microbial Bodies" in the Journal of Microbiology for January, 1957, has just come to my attention. I was especially interested in the construction of capillaries with rectangular cross-section of the type illustrated in your paper. I am not familiar with your technique for constructing such capillaries, which I would like to use in my own research.

I would be most grateful to you for this information. If such capillaries are available on a commercial basis I would be happy to learn where and how they might be purchased.

May I suggest that capillaries of your design would be especially useful in the construction of micro-electrophoresis cells for laboratory research purposes, in addition to the useful application described in your paper.

Yours sincerely,

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